REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, to place the claims in more conventional U.S. patent format, and to add subject matter canceled from Claim 15.

An early examination of Claims 1 to 19 is earnestly solicited.

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